



# SEVEN STORIES **OF HOPE**

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I'd like to share a simple and powerful tool to help spread the Gospel on your campus. The idea is that you choose one of the four gospels and then do a simple Bible study with seven of the most evangelistic stories from that gospel. These stories have been selected because they are easy to understand and are a great starting place for people who have never studied the Bible.

## How to Start a "Seven Stories of Hope" Bible Study

### 1. *Live on mission in your sphere of influence.*

As you invest in people and share the Gospel, determine if you have a green light, yellow light, or red light.

- **Green Light:** They have already or just decided to repent and believe in Jesus. Ask to meet up to study the Bible. Start studying the seven stories of hope from one of the gospels. Ask the new believer to invite their friends. Ask members to read that gospel on their own as well.
- **Yellow Light:** They are interested in Jesus, but not ready to believe yet. Pick a gospel and study the seven stories of hope of that gospel. Ask members to read that gospel on their own as well.
- **Red Light:** They are not interested. Continue to love them and pray for them, but don't pressure them.

### 2. *Pick a strategic time and place to meet.*

Meet in a comfortable place and at a good time for them. Sacrifice your own comfort to get on their turf. Your friend's home or apartment is the most ideal place because they will more likely invite their friends, but a neutral place on campus is good too!

### 3. *Remind people about the meeting.*

Continue to remind people about *every* meeting! Also, regularly remind people to invite friends!

### 4. *Be prepared for each meeting.*

Make sure everyone has a Bible app with the same translation or bring Bibles. Choose which passage you will study ahead of time.

## 5. Meet!

Here is a simple method of Bible study to use.

1. Review the last week.
2. Read the passage out loud.
3. Re-read it silently.
4. Reflect with simple questions. (Here are some questions I have used. 1. What can we discover from this passage? Is there a truth about God or Jesus, an example to follow or avoid, or a command to obey? 2. What are some ways this passage can apply to our lives?)
5. Respond with personal applications. (Have everyone make an “I will \_\_\_\_\_” statement.)
6. Request. Ask for prayer requests and then pray.

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Choose a gospel to study

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## Matthew

1. Jesus came to save us Matt 1:18–25
2. Jesus leads us to the best life Matt 7:24–28
3. Jesus can help our lives Matt 9:18–38
4. Jesus understands our hearts  
Matt 15:1–20
5. Jesus about heaven and hell  
Matt 25:31–46
6. Jesus died for us Matt 27:27–56
7. Jesus rose from the dead Matt 28

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## Mark

1. Jesus forgives and heals Mark 2:1–12
2. Jesus understands our hearts Mark 4:1–20
3. Jesus has power over evil spirits  
Mark 5:1–20
4. Jesus cares about our needs Mark 6:30–44
5. Jesus tells us about true life Mark 8:27–38
6. Jesus is better than anything  
Mark 10:17–31
7. Jesus is worth our everything Mark 14:1–9

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## Luke

1. Jesus forgives and heals Luke 5:17–26
2. Jesus gives second chances Luke 7:36–50
3. Jesus tells about God’s love Luke 15:11–32
4. Jesus wants your heart Luke 18:9–14
5. Jesus can change our lives Luke 19:1–10
6. Jesus invites us to Heaven Luke 23:32–49
7. Jesus rose from the dead Luke 24

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## John

1. Jesus cares about our needs John 2:1–12
2. Jesus has power to help us John 4:43–54
3. Jesus gives second chances John 8:1–11
4. Jesus has power over death John 11:1–44
5. Jesus is the way to God John 14:1–11
6. Jesus died for us John 19:17–37
7. Jesus rose from the dead John 20